

Ark River Joint Meeting
March 17, 2010
WATER Center
10:30 - Noon

Curt VanBoeing
Shawn Maloney
Jack Brown
John Rathgerber
Ron Graber
Hoyt Hillman
Rich Basore
Shawn Maloney
Tom Kneil

Janet Wright
Mo Terrebonne
MS Mitchell
Kathy Dittmer
Jessica Mounts
Libby Albers
Vaughn Weaver
Brian Nelson

Kay Drennen
Doris Leslie
Becky Lewis
Darren Brown

Welcome – Introductions

Announcements:

- WIRE has applied for second round of funding and will know this fall
- Hoyt Hillman will have a river booth at River Fest located near the Tripodal sculpture
- Ark River Coalition will be doing boat rides again at River Fest
- WRAPS is interested in a booth at river fest and will talk to Wichita Festivals
- WRAPS will have a booth at the Boeing Earth Day
- 4/18 is the 2nd Annual Walk For Clean Water
- 5/1 is the 9th Annual River Trash Round Up
- Visioneering Wichita has a new Sustainability work group

WRAPS Update - Final Report - Becky Lewis

- Named: River City WRAPS
- Held several public and internal meetings
- Hosted a web survey to collect responses
- 190 surveys completed
- 35 SLT members that will handle the next three phases of the WRAPS project – assessment, planning and implementation
- SLT includes – funding agencies, sponsoring agencies, business, sierra club, ARC, ARTE, and Council District Advisory Board
- Suburbs and rural areas were the largest responders to the survey
- Developed a vision and mission statement
- Goals: primary contact recreation, water supply, aquatic life use, food procurement, groundwater recharge, agricultural use
- Watershed concerns: litter and trash, storm water runoff – amount and contaminants, increased public awareness, lack of river access for recreational purposes, positive promotion of river use, urban fringe land (KDHE)
- water quality impairments – bacteria, nitrates and phosphorus, sediment, pollutants associated with sediments such as pesticides, fertilizers, and metals
- Proposed actions: water quality improvement, economic impact, flood control, recreation, I&E, creativity – a ranking list exists in the report

- WIRE has several issue papers posted on their website (on local KU Med website)
- Next steps: submit Development Report, finalize MOU between COW and SLT, work on Assessment Phase PIP, work on Demonstration Projects, participate in upcoming public education programs
- Development Final Report will be posted on the website later this month. Report must be submitted by April 30th
- We are committed to completing the Assessment Phase

Q&A

- WRAPS brochures are available
- PPT will be posted along with the minutes.
- Could there be a place/group that would act as a “clearing house” for information on activities happening on the river?